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TEACHER, YOUTH VOLUNTEER INDICTED FOR CHILD PORN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a former teacher and youth volunteer has been indicted by a federal grand jury for charges related to producing and distributing child pornography.

Waylon J. Kaus, 26, of Lebanon, Mo., was charged in a five-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield on Wednesday. **Kaus** is a former teacher at Ozark Children's Academy in Ozark, Mo., and was the scoutmaster for a local Boy Scout troop. **Kaus** has also worked for an area Head Start program and for the public school district in Buffalo, Mo.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Kaus** induced or coerced a minor male to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing child pornography on Aug. 13, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Kaus** distributed child pornography over the Internet on Dec. 22, 2005.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Kaus** received child pornography over the Internet on May 2, 2004.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that, on Feb. 7, 2006, **Kaus** was in possession of computer hard drives and disks that contained child pornography.

Count Five of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Kaus** to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the offenses alleged in the indictment,

including three computers, a laptop computer, a digital camera, and CDs and disks containing child pornography that were seized from **Kaus** by law enforcement officers.

Under federal statutes, **Kaus** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in federal prison without parole, up to 30 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000, for producing child pornography; a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000, for distributing and for receiving child pornography; and a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000, for possession of child pornography.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Lebanon, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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